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A FORWARD STEP

Central Union Church to Have an
Assistant Pastor.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Lady Assistant to the Pastor Also Re-
commended—Congregation Adopts the
Committee's Report.

Central Union Church has taken an-
other important step forward, neces-
sitated by the constantly increasing
membership, involving extra labor
and responsibility on the pastor and
church officials. For a long time it
has been felt among the congregation
that this work was too much for any
one man, however willing he might
be, to undertake. This feeling culmi-
nated in the matter being brought be-
fore the congregation at its meeting
a week ago last Wednesday evening,
and resulted in the appointment of the
following committee to recommend
suitable action in the matter, viz.: W.
R. Castle, chairman; Mrs. B. F. Dil-
lingham, Mrs. C. F. Peterson, Charles
M. Cooke, W. O. Smith, F. J. Lowrey
and George B. McClellan, with the ad-
dition of the pastor ex-officio. In-
cluded in the scope of the committee's
work was the outlining of plans for
the enlargement of the church work
in all directions.

At the church meeting on Wednes-
day evening of this week the commit-
tee presented a long report in which
it was stated that there were now over
600 members on the roll. The fami-
lies associated with the church num-
ber some 1800 adults, with not less
than 800 children. Besides those di-
rectly connected with the church there
are many other children attending
Sunday school. It is utterly impos-
sible for any one man or woman to do
more than barely touch upon the va-
rious lines requiring constant untiring
labor.

The committee further say in sub-
stance that the officers and members
on whom the bulk of the work falls
are all busy men and women. While
they have the will to do more they
have not the time. The period has
now arrived in the history of the
church when it is necessary that more
than one person devote all of his time
to the preaching and pastoral duties,
Sunday school work, visiting the sick,
seeking out strangers and the many
other things which are within the
church's province. Even with addi-
tional paid workers there will remain
an abundant field for the voluntary
efforts of the members. The rapidly
increasing number of white people
coming to the city is given as one of
the main reasons why the pastor
should have assistance. The Sunday
school demands and must have con-
stant and systematic supervision. Vis-
iting the sick, the poor, the indifferent,
the strangers, must be continued at
all times, and there are a multitude of
minor matters connected with the
church which are not within the pro-
vince of the deacons, any particular
committee or officer, and yet some-
body must attend to them.

Among the recommendations made
by the committee are the division of
the city into small districts, and the
placing of them in the charge of some
one from the church who will be re-
sponsible for the details of each, some
one who lives in the district who can
visit and report on all matters in his
district.

The committee also call attention to
another matter which should be at-
tended to at once. This is an increase
in the seating capacity of the church,
and the trustees are earnestly asked
to consider the same.

Weekly choral meetings or classes
are also suggested by which means
union of feeling in the church can be
helped and talent now unknown de-
veloped which might prove of great
assistance to the church and choir
committee and furnish a never-failing
supply which would aid in keeping up
that all important part of public wor-
ship, music and singing.

In conclusion, the committee say

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that it is not reasonable to expect the
pastor, even with the volunteer aid of
the church members, to sufficiently
attend to all these duties. The church
cannot do what it ought, and fill its
proper place in this rapidly growing
community with machinery that was
sufficient ten, twenty or fifty years
ago. This feeling was clearly and
forcibly expressed at the meeting a
week ago.

To carry out their suggestions the
committee recommended:

First—The engagement of a suitable
man for assistant to the pastor, upon
a salary not to exceed \$2000 a year, to
perform such duties as shall be as-
signed him by the pastor, with the
approval of the standing committee.

Second—The engagement of a lady
assistant to the pastor upon a salary
not to exceed \$1200 a year, to perform
such duties as shall be assigned her
by the pastor, with the approval of
the standing committee.

The report of the committee was
adopted by the congregation, and the
committee was continued and empow-
ered to take the necessary steps to
procure suitable persons to fill the po-
sitions thus created.

It is expected that with this addi-
tion to the official workers of the
church, a much broader and more
thorough work will be made possible,
and the changing conditions of this
growing city met, for it is the firm
purpose of the church to make itself a
means to the largest good in the ex-
panding city life.

TELEPHONE TALK

Supt. John Cassidy Tells
of His Trip.

Promises a New Switch Board, More Oper-
ators, Better Communication and Up-
dergued Wires.

Superintendent John Cassidy of the
Mutual Telephone Company arrived by
the Rio Janeiro yesterday after a two-
months' business trip to the States.

"My trip was successful in every
way," he said yesterday afternoon. "I
went right through to New York and
Boston and investigated thoroughly
everything connected with telephones.
"The object of my trip was to find
the best switchboard for our needs and
the cost of installing it. In my report
to the directors I shall recommend the
adoption of one that is far and away
ahead of anything else. Its distin-
guishing feature is what is called cen-
tral energy, whereby not the least pow-
er is lost. The manufacturers not only
make the switchboards but use them
well, inasmuch as they control large
telephone systems. In this way they
are better prepared to deal with in-
tending buyers than other firms who
only manufacture and do not use their
productions. These people can give
sure guarantees where others hesi-
tate.

"With the installation of the new
switchboard Honolulu's telephone sys-
tem will be equal to anything in the
States. We have always been handi-
capped at this particular point. We
need more operators at the switch-
board, but heretofore there has not
been room for them. The number of
telephones has increased so rapidly
that it has outgrown the system we
now have. The one in contemplation
will be adaptable to all needs and its
accommodations may be increased at
will. The expense will be quite heavy,
but it seems good policy to install it
now as it will have to come some time.

"The extent to which the telephone
service is being increased, and the
rapidly increasing distances over which
conversations can be maintained in the
States is amazing. Why, just before
leaving for home I was in Seattle and
was called to the telephone office. The
party on the other end of the line was
in San Francisco, 1100 miles away.
After getting us connected the oper-
ator gave the word. I heard a click.
The chronograph, the telephonic stop-
watch, had started. They charge by
the fifteen seconds and it is wonderful
the amount of business that a person
can do in that quarter of a minute
when he knows the 'stopwatch' is on
him. Underground lines are becoming
general because the companies find
that in addition to the improvement in
the service there is a lessening in the
expense. This system will be intro-
duced in Honolulu before a great while.
Everything points to the establish-
ment of first class telephonic com-
munication in this city."

THE RIVAL KINGS

Shake Hands on the Budget and
Are Friends Again.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS ITEMS

Odd and Ends From all Parts of
the World Boiled Down From
Late Exchanges.

CHIEFS AT PEACE.

Apia, Samoa, June 26.—Via Auck-
land, N. Z., July 3.—The Matafau
chiefs met the Mallettan chiefs yester-
day on board the United States trans-
port Badger in the presence of the In-
ternational Commissioners, shook
hands and made peace.

A meeting has been arranged for
Mallettan Tanu and Matafau with the
Commissioners. Peace is thus finally
assured between the chieftains and
their followers and both factions have
returned to their villages on friendly
terms, awaiting action by the powers.
In the meantime the Government is
vested in three Consuls, two of whom
can act in all cases where unanimity
is not required by the treaty.

This arrangement is acceptable to all
parties. Dr. Wilhelm Solf is ex-
pecting his office as president of the mu-
nicipality of Apia and the friction be-
tween him and the natives is at an end.
The German protected cruiser Cor-
morant has arrived and the Paik has
gone to Sydney, New South Wales.

Three thousand five hundred rifles,
not including those served to Mallettan
Tanu's party, have been returned to
the war ships.

THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Tomorrow the Bennington will take
Professor Schurman, president of the
United States Advisory Committee for
the Philippines, to Hongkong, from
which point he will sail to Japan to
pay a short visit there before leaving
for the United States.

Admiral Dewey, Col. Denby, Profes-
sor Worcester and Professor Schurman
will meet in Washington during the
autumn to compile a report of the
Commission's labors. The Commission
recently investigated the question of
currency and the Chinese problem, as
it presents itself here. A large major-
ity of the business men wish to con-
tinue on a silver basis. There are a
few, however, who favor a gold basis
or the adoption of a Japanese system.
The Filipinos are anxious to exclude
Chinese labor. On the other hand,
many large employers prefer Chinese,
asserting that they are more efficient,
although the element of cheapness
doubtless influences this view.

CALIFORNIANS RETURNING.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The Cali-
fornia and Colorado volunteers will
leave Manila for home in a few days.
The War Department has received the
following message from Gen. Otis:

MANILA, July 4.—Adjutant-Gen-
eral, Washington: California Infantry
and Artillery, numbering 1400 men,
and discharged men, take the Sher-
man, now loading at Negros. The
Warren takes Colorado, 1100; now
preparing preparatory papers. Diffi-
cult to lighter transports in the ty-
phoon now prevailing. The Grant is
unloaded; in four days will take on
Idaho, North Dakota and Wyoming, 65
officers and 1500 men, with other dis-
charged men.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

LONDON, July 5.—The Daily News
says this morning: We understand
that the Pacific cable conference has
arrived at a satisfactory basis. The
principles of the scheme have been
provisionally agreed upon and will be
communicated to the colonial Govern-
ment. Unless a hitch occurs the cable
will be an imperial affair in the fullest
sense of the word.

SPANISH PRISONERS.

MANILA, July 4.—The negotiations
between the Spanish officers and Agui-
naldo at Tarrac concerning the Span-
ish prisoners in the hands of the Phi-
lipinos have resulted in a partial agree-
ment. According to unofficial reports,
the insurgents have promised to re-
lease the sick soldiers, who number
several hundred, and the civil officials,
but they intend to keep the friars, ex-
pecting that the church will finally
pay a heavy ransom.

It is reported that the civilian pri-
soners are being concentrated at Tar-

lac and Aparri, as well as some of the
other ports recently opened, from
which they could be shipped to Ma-
nila. The Spaniards assert that the
Filipinos are impressing all the mili-
tary prisoners into engineering, hospi-
tal and clerical work.

WILL TAKE A REST.

NEW YORK, June 30.—A World ca-
ble from London says: Admiral
Dewey will first land in Europe at
Trieste, an Austrian port at the head
of the Adriatic Sea.

The World correspondent learns
with deep regret from the highest au-
thority that the Admiral's health has
shown no appreciable improvement
since he left Manila, and acting under
medical advice, he will take a com-
plete rest in the Austrian Tyrol before
resuming his journey home. His
health, unfortunately, so far is so in-
different that he could not safely face
the fatigue of the reception awaiting
him.

Half a Million on Board.

The British steamship Magna sailed
from Sydney, N. S. W., on July 5th,
with \$500,000 in gold for San Fran-
cisco.

Filled Their Answer.

In the case of Charles E. Bartlett vs.
Hawaiian Carriage Manufacturing
Company, the defendants have filed an
answer denying each and every allega-
tion contained in the complaint.

AT IOLANI COLLEGE

Closing Exercises and
Sports Yesterday.

Miss Moore Presents the Prizes to
the Successful Contestants—
Excellent Singing.

The closing exercises and sports
went off with great eclat at Iolani
school yesterday afternoon. The sing-
ing and recitations were alike excel-
lent and much appreciated by the large
audience assembled in the beautifully
decorated school room. The program
was as follows:

Song—"The Hardy Norseman."
Recitation—"The Song of the North."
J. D. Almoku.
Dialogue—"The Town Mouse and
Country Mouse."
Jno. Yee Bew and Mong Yin.
Song—"Alone." Mendelssohn
Recitation—"Truthful James."
Bret Harte
Recitation—"Mr. Nobody."
James and Malcolm Robertson.
Song—"A Song of May"
Scene—"William Tell" Knowles
Tell—H. Hart.
Glee—"T. Andrews.
Barnum—D. White.
Tell's Son—P. Frendo.
Attendant—R. Nowlein.
Recitation—"The Kite."
Ten Small Boys.
Recitation—"Tubal Cain." C. Mackay
Jno. C. Andersen.
Recitation—"Boadicea" Cowper
H. Hart.
Song—"Let the Hills Resound"
B. Richards

The sports, which immediately fol-
lowed, attained a high standard of ex-
cellence and were watched with keen
interest by the spectators. The best
performances were: The high jump,
5 feet 2 inches; the pole vault, 8 feet
2 inches, and the 100-yards, 10 4-5 sec-
onds. An excellent display of bicycle
trick riding was given by Ku Kamanu.
The handsome prizes were presented to
the successful competitors by Miss
Hoare. Special mention should be
made of the excellent maps, drawings,
and specimens of handwriting, which
were ranged round the school room.

TO MAKE GREAT SPEED.

LONDON, July 5.—Keen interest is
felt at the Admiralty in the develop-
ment of the torpedo-boat destroyer
Viper, which will be launched shortly
on the Tyne. Messrs. Parsons are fit-
ting her with a turbine system of en-
gines and they believe that they will
enable her to make forty-five miles an
hour. Experiments are being made in
the direction of utilizing the turbine
system aboard ocean steamers. Ex-
perts are of the opinion that this sys-
tem will revolutionize ocean travel and
make it possible to cross the Atlantic
in three days.

DATA ON DEADLY CANCER.

LONDON, July 5.—The cancer so-
ciety has commissioned Dr. A. E. Duffy
to proceed to the United States to col-
lect data; to investigate the operations
of the Buffalo laboratory, and to offer
a prize of £10 for the best original es-
say on cancer science.

AT SCHOOL BOARD

Little Business at the
Meeting Yesterday.

Interesting Exhibition as Preparation for
the Coming Term of the Sum-
mer School.

The Board of Education held its regu-
lar meeting yesterday afternoon. The
only business brought up was the mat-
ter of resignations and applications for
positions. Nine of the former were
read and accepted. Forty-seven appli-
cations were handed over to the com-
mittees on teachers and on examina-
tions. The list of teachers for the en-
suing year will not be made out until
the first part of August. This will give
ample time for all the applications and
resignations to come in.

There were present at the meeting
Professor Alexander, Dr. Maxwell,
Chas. Hopkins, J. Q. Wood, T. H. Gil-
son and Secretary Rodgers.

The exhibits for the Summer School
are beginning to arrive. Up to date
nearly every school on the Islands has
sent something. Much of the work is
extremely interesting. One of the best
things is the exhibit sent from Hilo
Union School. Its main feature is the
pictorial story of Robinson Crusoe. The
whole tale is depicted in drawings
which were made by the younger pu-
pils, none of whom are over 11 years
old. The artistic talent shown by some
of the children is surprising. There is
also a large number of specimens from
the local schools. After the exhibit is
complete it will be arranged in the
High School.

Foreign News Notes.

A Nebraska cyclone at Alasworth
killed one woman and destroyed much
property.

Young W. K. Vanderbilt's automo-
bile ran away with him at Newport
and the occupants narrowly escaped
serious injury.

Russia will subsidize a line of fast
ships to convey poultry, game and
fresh meats to the English market.
The United States cruiser Marble-
head has reached Talcahuano on her
way to the Pacific station.

President Schurman of the Philip-
pine Peace Commission, cables to the
Secretary of War that everything de-
pends on crushing Aguinaldo. He de-
clares that peace in Luzon means
peace throughout the group.

New York detectives have gone to
Europe to search for the secretary
and treasurer of one of the largest
stock brokerage syndicates in Wall
street, who is said to have absconded
with \$500,000.

Percy W. Palmer, a prominent real
estate dealer of Chicago, was found
lifeless in the street with a bullet hole
in his left breast. He is supposed to
have been murdered for his life insur-
ance.

An eastbound Central Pacific train
left the track at Elko, Nevada, and a
number of California people on board
were slightly injured.

Sir Alexander Armstrong, K. C. B.,
formerly director-general of the med-
ical department of the British navy, is
dead. He served five continuous years
in the Arctic regions searching for Sir
John Franklin and discovering the
Northwest passage.

The proposed strike at the Home-
stead works of the Carnegie Steel
Company has been abandoned.

The National Association of Editors
is in convention at Portland, Or.

An engine explosion at Bluefield,
West Virginia, killed three men.

The Fourth of July was celebrated
with much enthusiasm throughout
Porto Rico. At Ponce there was a
big distribution of food to the poor.

Bishop John P. Newman, of the
Methodist Episcopal Church of Cali-
fornia, is dead.

Spanish officials have made a sei-
zure of arms from France for the use
of the Carlists.

Colorado proposes to exhibit a life-
size female statue of pure gold at the
Paris Exhibition.

Jeffries has been matched to fight
Mitchell in London at the end of Au-
gust. Jeffries was due in San Fran-
cisco on the 6th.

Serious rioting continues in many
Spanish cities.

Memphis was visited by a half-mil-
lion dollar fire.

Embassador Choate entertained
many Americans in London on July
4th.

Then, if Davies & Co. have been
granted leave by the Government to
import thirty more Italian laborers,